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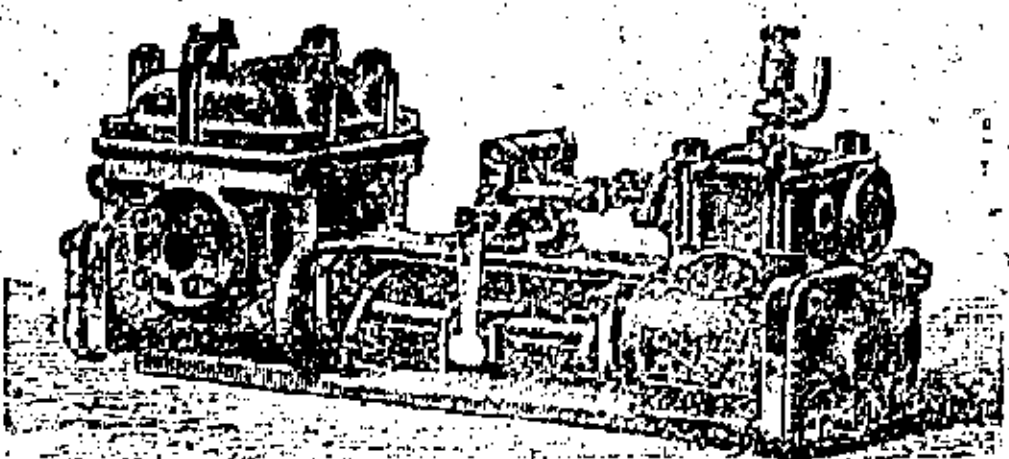
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C. H. GRACE,

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Hongkong, 30th Sept., 1899.

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HONGKONG CLUB.

NOVICE.

MR. J. D. M. CAMERON has resigned the position of STEWARD and is no longer in the Service of the CLUB. By Order,

C. H. GRACE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th Sept., 1899.

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NOTICE.

WE have this day admitted Mr. DAVID MEYER MOSES, a PARTNER in our Firm in Hongkong.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM in our Firm in Hongkong and Shanghai ceased from this day.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, October 1, 1899.

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NOTICE.

WE have admitted Mr. EDWARD SHELLIM a PARTNER in our Firm in Hongkong, from the 1st October, 1899.

S. J. DAVID & Co.
Hongkong, October 1, 1899.

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CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 10th October Proximo, at Twelve o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last, and of declaring Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th Inst. to 10th October Proximo, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. S. GARRETT,

Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 18, 1899.

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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eighteenth Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned at 12 o'clock (Noon), on SATURDAY, the 14th Proximo.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th Inst. to the 14th Proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.,
Hongkong, September 25, 1899.

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HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the Club will be held at the Club House, on THURSDAY, the 19th Instant, 1899, at 5 p.m., for the purpose of confirming or otherwise the Resolution passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 3rd Instant.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE,

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Hongkong, October 4, 1899.

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DOUGLAS JONES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 20, 1899.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Twenty-Sixth Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 1, Queen's Building, Praya Reclamation, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 12th October, 1899, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Account for the year 1898, and for the half year ending the 30th June, 1899, and of declaring DIVIDENDS.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 12th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

DOUGLAS JONES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 20, 1899.

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HONGKONG St. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society will be held in the City Hall, on MONDAY, 9th October, at 6 p.m., for the purpose of considering proposals in connection with the forthcoming Ball, from the General Committee.

By Order of the Board,

DAVID WOOD,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Oct. 3, 1899.

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FROM 'IRISH DAILY INDEPENDENT' - February 24th-1898.

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Notes By the Way.

The *Kobe Chronicle* has absorbed the *Hogo News*.

President Kruger is a testotester—an artesian lion, in fact.

There is a 'gold rush' in the Hokkaido similar to the wild mad rush to the Klondike.

A discussion is going on in the Bangkok Press for and against the adoption of a gold standard by Siam.

There were no plague cases yesterday. In the week ended 30th September, there were only 8 cases and 2 deaths.

H.I.I. Prince Arisugawa, who is a Rear-Admiral in the Japanese Navy, has been promoted to the rank of Vice-Admiral.

'C' Company, K.O.R., and Tanjong Pagar F.C. met for the third time in the Warren Shield Competition at Singapore. The civilians won by 3 goals to nil.

Mr. Pense, a Filipino leader, who has been staying at Yokohama for some time, left for Hongkong on the 27th Sept. His friends in Tokyo gave him a farewell dinner.

The whole of the crew of the ship *George Stead*, burned at sea while on a voyage to Taku with timber, were saved, and taken on to Japan from Miyako Island.

The certificate of the Captain of the *American* has been suspended by the Tokyo Marine Court for three months, and the chief engineer has been censured. Both officers have appealed.

A telegram in Canadian exchanges reports a strike of cotton and jute workers in Dundee. Upwards of 16,000 workers were idle on the 8th September. Disturbances had to be quelled by the police.

Robert Miller, the American convicted at Yokohama recently, at the hearing of his appeal against the sentence of death passed on him by the Lower Court, has confessed his crime in open Court. Sentence has been postponed.

Captain Campbell, of the *Indomiti*, which arrived at Singapore on the 26th September, reported that as the vessel was leaving Hongkong on the 19th Sept., a Chinese fireman fell down with a stroke of apoplexy, and died the next morning.

There was quite a burst of official confession at yesterday's Legislative Council. If we had a local Punch, the Hon Mr. Whitehead might have filled the *Editorial* column with the Governor as the humble penitent!

Chief Justice Griffith is quietly moving in Queensland law circles for the abolition of the barristerial wig and gown. Among the leading men in the profession the opposition is small, but the dinner lights blink sulkily and threaten to splutter.

At the Magistracy to-day, Mrs W. J. Robinson appeared and stated she had no desire to proceed further with the case of assault against her husband, the lessee of the Metropole Hotel. The Magistrate said on the evidence before him he would find the defendant over in the sum of \$200 to be of good behaviour for three months.

The chartered U.S. transport *Victor* arrived at Kobe on the 25th September with about 400 horses on board bound for Manila. Only eight horses died on the voyage. The horses were landed for exercise at Kobe. The presence of so many horses in the Philippines ought to have some effect on horse-breeding in the East. Perhaps it is not too extravagant to hope that in course of time the races at the Happy Valley will include events for horses, as well as the early little 'China pony.'

The Japanese Army.—The Japanese army is made up of 91,739 officers and men with the colours, and 248,421 officers and men with the reserves. Grand Total, 341,160.

Volunteers in Rhodesia.—Colonel Baden-Powell, who was sent to Bulawayo to recruit volunteers, has met with marked success. He raised two regiments of mounted rifles and the formation of gun detachments is progressing rapidly. There are many volunteers for the cavalry. There is an abundance of material without drawing on the police or miners.

Visitors at the Ducks.—At Kowloon, Iala de Cuba, Iala de Luzon, H.M.S. Bonaventura, Pellico, Kiangpa, Stuvia, Manulian, Simla, Hun, Decima, Taisung, Comopolian, Don Juan de Austria, Doris.

New Staff of Pianos by Brinsford, Chapman, Hanks, Allison, Rachals, Robinson Piano Co.

MANY THANKS.—I wish to express my thanks to the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for having put on the market such a wonderful medicine. Says Mr W. Massingill of Beaumont, Texas: "There are many thousands of mothers whose children have been saved from attacks of dysentery and cholera (stomach) who must also feel thankful. It is for sale by All Dealers; Watkins & Co., General Agents."

Hongkong Insurance Companies.

Referring to the transfer of the business of the Straits Insurance Company to another company, the *London and China Express* observes: "Singapore has certainly not done so well with its local companies as the sister colony of Hongkong, though why it should not have done so does not seem apparent."

To Philatelists.

A notification is issued by the Japanese Communications Department, announcing that a new three-cent postcard, with reply sheet attached, was to be issued on the 1st inst., and that a sample will be furnished to the various post offices and agencies, where it may be inspected.

The Muckle Hoose in Japan.

A correspondent at Nagasaki, writing to the *Ozaka Mainichi*, states that Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. at Nagasaki have arranged to establish an agency at Shinanomaki with a view to importing sugar, iron, and other articles, and exporting the Japanese commodities on commission.

The Dum-Dum Ammunition.

A few days ago, we reproduced a telegram from an India exchange stating that Dum-Dum small arm ammunition was being taken by the troops for South Africa. It is now stated that the British authorities have decided that small arm ammunition containing the Dum-Dum bullet is not to be taken from India by troops forming the South African Contingent.

The Cost of the Plague Epidemic.

The following Statement of Account showing generally on what the Plague Advances have been spent from 1st April to 31st July, 1899, was laid before the Legislative Council yesterday by command of His Excellency the Governor:—

Purchase of coffins and headstones, and digging graves, \$3,937.32; Pay, &c., of extra men on plague work, \$1,892.86; Purchase of disinfectants, \$4,028.22; Cleaning and disinfecting plague houses, \$3,896.40; Time-washing plague houses, \$6,187.90; Pay of Search Parties (Medical Students and Interpreters), \$308.73; Cost of removing and burying patients and dead, \$1,483.50; General cleaning and lime-washing No. 9, Health District, \$3,987.10; Miscellaneous Expenses, \$1,034.83—Total, \$27,355.01.

Prosperity of the Colony.

Never in the history of the Colony has there been such a demand for house accommodation as exists at the present time, and the consequences is that for European and Chinese houses alike the rentals are being forced up to exorbitant figures. Another result of the increase of the inhabitants is the consequent increase of business quarters on the Fringe. The tendency seems to be to acquire land near the sea front for the erection of houses, and this is leading to the gradual absorption of the land now occupied by godowns at East Point. In view of this state of things, the Hongkong Land Investment Company has decided upon the erection on their recently-acquired marine lot at Yaumatei of coal storage godowns. There are prospects of Yaumatei becoming a busy locality.

The Ceremony that Didn't Come off.

In a statement of expenditure for 1899 in connection with the new territory, laid before the Legislative Council yesterday, the expenses incurred on account of the taking over of the new territory are given under head of 'Miscellaneous' as follows:—Amount distributed amongst the poor, \$10.00; Expenses incurred to fit the S.S. *Kong Nam* for a trip to Mrs. Day in connection with the ceremony of hoisting the British flag, \$35.20; Amount of Insurance of *Yankoo* to Mrs. Day, \$625.13; Expenses incurred for preparing lunch, &c. on board the S.S. *Yankoo*, \$800.00; Amount due for provisions supplied on board H.M.S. *Hamble* for the proposed trip to the new territory, \$70.00; Preparations for hoisting flag, \$124.48; Maternity, \$3,904.20; Expenses of H.M. Navy, \$3,061.05; Transport, \$5,114.07; Three Launches, \$91,100.00—\$105,004.04.

—[Of course the last item refers to the compensation (or non-compensation) launches for the permanent use of the Government.—Ed., C.M.]

Marine War-Risks.—According to a mail-paper, at Lloyd's, on 30th August, the underwriters demanded a premium of 80 guinea per cent. against a declaration of war with the Transvaal within six months. The rate has gone up rapidly during the last few days. "The sudden advance," said a well-known insurance broker to a newspaper representative, "is the result of Mr. Chamberlain's speech on 20th ult." (But why fash the *Singapore Free Press*. The Transvaal has no sea-coast and no navy. Wherein lies the maritime war risk?)

The King of Siam.—In the celebration of the 46th anniversary of the King of Siam's birthday on the 21st Sept. the general interest was centred in the audience given to the Princes, nobles and officials and to the Foreign Representatives. Both were well attended, and royal and consular addresses were presented from the different bodies represented. In addition there were, of course, the religious ceremonies morning, afternoon and evening, and the observance of much ancient ceremonial that has always been associated with the birthday of the King of Siam. A royal salute was fired at 8 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m., and there were fireworks in the evening.—*Bangkok Times*.

THE TRANSVAAL.

THE OFFER OF THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

A Telegram has been received from the War Office in reply to the offer of the Hongkong Volunteers to supply a detachment of fifty men for service in the Transvaal. The Secretary of State for War has expressed the thanks of the War Department, but regrets that the Department cannot accept the offer.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, October 3.

THE VENEZUELA ARBITRATION.—The decision of the Venezuela Arbitration tribunal amounts to a compromise rather in favour of Venezuela.

THE TRANSVAAL CRISIS.

The Orange Free State Artillery is moving towards Kimberley and the Free State, have also occupied Balthas pass near Newcastle. A Boer force of 6,000, with 23 guns, holds Laupass, and a force of 4,000 holds Muller's Farm.

THE 'AMERICA' CUP.

The *Columbia* allows the *Shenrock* 3/10 seconds.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notices are issued from the Observatory:—On the 5th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has fallen moderately in Japan and slightly on the China coast. The depression is moving Northwards near the Loochoo Islands, and will probably arrive off Japan. Islands in the South, rather steady in the North, with fresh to strong motion on the coast and in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast—moderate N. winds; fine.

TYPHOON WARNING.

Mr. Rousseau-Wildman, U.S. Consul General, courteously supplies us with the following:—

MANILA OBSERVATORY, Oct. 5, 10 Veloc. E. N.

The Typhoon in Pacific is now East of North Luzon or Balingian Channel, moving probably Northwesterly.

CORRESPONDENCE.

'THE EQUITABLE.'

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, 5th October, 1899. Sir,—Inasmuch as accounts have found their way into the newspapers some weeks ago regarding a suit against the 'Equitable' (I forget the name of the company), I may say in passing that it would be difficult for any member of this House to invest in anything which might not at some time or other be the subject of discussion in this House. But when the question of the possible reversion of the charter came before the Government I took the opportunity to inform the Prime Minister and my colleagues of the fact that I had some interest in the Company; and I begged, therefore, to be excused from any company which might be involved in any negotiations which might subsequently take place. Accordingly these negotiations have been carried on in the most discreet manner, and I did not know of the result until the matter was substantially settled. I observe, sir, from the printed statement of the expenditure estimated and actual for the eight or nine months of the year, that the total of the New Territory sum will amount to the grand total of \$346,000. I think, sir, that the undivided members are entitled to a full and more time to carefully consider and study the matter. At the last meeting of the Council, the Hon. Mr. Whitehead, as I have said before, informed the Council that the expenditure in connection with 'Beaconsfield' was paid by and under the authority of your Excellency on the 3rd of May last. I think, sir, that to pay public money away on the authority of the Council, and to have the expenditure four months later is an irregular proceeding, and I believe also that it is contrary to Colonial Office regulations. At all events it is a proceeding against which I record my formal protest.

Yours faithfully, G. KIERN, Manager, South China Branch.

The 'Tartar' at Yokohama.

Owing to an alleged storm to-day and the rough sea at the Quarantine Station, the *Japan Herald* of the 21st Sept. says the health officers have been unable to board the U.S. Army Transport *Tartar*, from Manila, via Hongkong, and the *Warren* from San Francisco. If possible they will be passed early to-morrow morning. We can only express sympathy for the delicate health of these gentlemen, and a hope that in process of time they may require suitable stimulants to enable them to do their duty. The slight inconvenience entailed by some exposure to the weather suffices to counterbalance the serious inconvenience which must be experienced by two hundred of men, who are thus deprived of their liberty until such time as the Quarantine officials deem the weather suitable for a pleasant trip in a steam launch. Can it be possible that the Government has omitted to provide an appropriation for rain-coats?

French Opinion on the Naval Manoeuvres.

The manoeuvres of the British fleet just concluded have received considerable attention in the French Press. The majority of papers content themselves with a bare statement of facts, and refrain from comment on the plan of campaign or the handling of the fleet. The *Journal de Paris*, however, contains a short article on the subject, by a naval writer. He criticises the Admiralty scheme of convoy protection, owing to the fact that the real conditions of war are not approached. The protection of a convoy of two merchantmen presented no difficulty to the reserve fleet, but what would be the case if the game were played in earnest? A numerous and unwieldy crowd of ocean 'tramps' of different speeds would form the real convoy, scattered by bad weather over the face of the ocean, and consequently difficult to secure against a rush by fast cruisers and torpedo craft. The writer, in common with most of his nation, pins his faith to the submarine. With this new engine of war, he declares, the passage of the Straits of Gibraltar could be effectively blocked to the most powerful fleet ever united under one flag. The successors of the *Guinea* 22nd are, he thinks, destined to revolutionise the 'guerre de course', and to play havoc with the liners and grain-ships of the ocean highway.

Always persevering, always keep your strength of heart. By strong will and strength of heart the sailor fights the roaring seas.

Do not procrastinate, there is no good in that; and bear in mind the old proverb, 'Better to do a thing at once, than to wish it done.'

We never know what is hidden in each other's hearts; but if we ourselves had glass windows to our own, we might be obliged to keep the shutters up occasionally. Never find fault, or misjudge others,—look well to yourself!

A MERCHANT, being asked to define the meaning of experimental and natural philosophy, said he considered the first to be asking a man to discount a bill at a long date, and the second his refusing to do it.

PLAINS EXCHANGED, Tuned and Repaired equal to new. Work guaranteed.—Robinson Piano Co.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

At the hour of publication last night, the Legislative Council had not finished its sitting, and we were unable to give a complete report. Our yesterday's report is supplemented by the following:—

MR. WHITEHEAD ON 'BEACONSFIELD.'

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table report of the Finance Committee (No. 4), and moved its adoption. The Colonial Treasurer seconded. Mr. Whitehead said: "I wish to move that the report No. 4 be referred back to the Finance Committee for amendment and in order that members may have the opportunity of discussing the printed statement which should have been before the Council when the last meeting was held before the vote of \$170,000 was passed. At the last meeting of the Council the hon. the Colonial Treasurer, in reply to my query as to why no finance minute had been submitted to the Council in connection with the expenditure on 'Beaconsfield,' said, 'I do not know.' At the Finance Committee meeting in question it was discovered that the expenditure was included under the head of 'Miscellaneous services, (other)'. I think it appears to have been included in that way, and I am not sure that it was not until questions were asked that we found out the item was included in that heading. The question was asked at the financial minute No. 7 had been laid on the table on the 21st July last by the hon. the Colonial Treasurer. The hon. the Colonial Treasurer replied to my query. I think it was his duty to have informed the Council and the Treasurer that the expenditure in question was such a large item of 'Miscellaneous services' instead of keeping the information concealed from the Council. At the meeting of the Finance Committee in question the hon. the member who owned 'Beaconsfield' was allowed to take the expenditure out of his pocket and put it to his own property. Sir, I would ask you to instruct the chairman of the Finance Committee to instruct the hon. the member who owned 'Beaconsfield' to refrain from voting on these questions until the Finance Committee has decided on the matter. Speaking in the House of Commons on the 7th July last Mr. Chamberlain, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, said: 'I observe from the newspapers to-day that I am stated to be one of the largest shareholders of the Royal Niger Company, and ever more of these newspapers state that I am thus in the position of vendor and vendee. I desire to state exactly what my position in the matter is. When the National African Company, which was the parent of the Royal Niger Company, was formed 17 years ago, I applied for shares, and a certain allotment was made to me. As it was less than the application made—I subsequently increased my holding to 1,500 shares. There seems to be a misunderstanding as to the value of this investment, because there are two classes of shares in the Company—one of £10 fully paid-up, and the other £2 only paid up. My allotment was the £2 shares, and my total investment was of the value of £10,000. I may say in passing that it would be difficult for any member of this House to invest in anything which might not at some time or other be the subject of discussion in this House. But when the question of the possible reversion of the charter came before the Government I took the opportunity to inform the Prime Minister and my colleagues of the fact that I had some interest in the Company; and I begged, therefore, to be excused from any company which might be involved in any negotiations which might subsequently take place. Accordingly these negotiations have been carried on in the most discreet manner, and I did not know of the result until the matter was substantially settled. I observe, sir, from the printed statement of the expenditure estimated and actual for the eight or nine months of the year, that the total of the New Territory sum will amount to the grand total of \$346,000. I think, sir, that the undivided members are entitled to a full and more time to carefully consider and study the matter. At the last meeting of the Council, the Hon. Mr. Whitehead, as I have said before, informed the Council that the expenditure in connection with 'Beaconsfield' was paid by and under the authority of your Excellency on the 3rd of May last. I think, sir, that to pay public money away on the authority of the Council, and to have the expenditure four months later is an irregular proceeding, and I believe also that it is contrary to Colonial Office regulations. At all events it is a proceeding against which I record my formal protest.

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Problem No. 156.

By S. Loyd.

Black (4 pieces).

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution to problem No. 151 by R. G.
Thompson.

1. R-Q3 Then 1. P-K3 2. Q-K2

1. R-K3 2. R-P 3. R-P 4

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Correct solution from R. A. D. and S. W.

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The result of the match between Col.
the O'Connell and Mr. Danenberg has been
that the latter retains the Championship
cup by two games to one. Another challenge
should promptly be forthcoming, as
otherwise the possession of a prize no one
takes the trouble to dispute will become
uninteresting even to the holder.

Two more solvers are requested not to be
afraid of the above problem. It is ex-
tremely easy, and the play is sufficiently
surprising to be characteristic of the style
of its well-known composer.

I see it stated now that for the Lasker-
Janowski match negotiations are again on
the point of being broken off, this time not
on account of any copyright nonsense but
because the Champion wants the match to
be eight games up and Janowski claims
ten. Do they really intend to play? I
have time and again expressed my opinion
that Lasker seems excessively timid, risk-
ing his recently acquired reputation. I
hope, however, they may come to terms
when they meet in New York whether they
are bound at present.

In the course of a popular sketch on
chess as a hobby, *Pearson's Weekly* at-
tributes varieties in style to the characteris-
tics of the men from which the players spring.
The Germans play a solid, thoughtful,
stout-walled sort of game. Hungarian players,
who are plentiful in London just now, give
a beautiful and romantic display. The
Scotch play cautiously, the Irish boldly and
the French unevenly. Were English peo-
ple to devote themselves to chess seriously
they would be unsurpassed, for the quali-
ties of caution and enterprise, so conspicuous
in the English character, are just those
which tell in chess.

A very interesting game in the least
interesting of the openings was played in the
London Tournament between Tchigorin
and Shovalev. The latter gave up a pawn
for the attack, and obtained a position full
of threats, and, according to the critics, if
he had played the natural continuation
14.....P-Q4 instead of finishing
with 14.....P-K3 he would prob-
ably have won the game. Even with the
move he made it seems he could have
closed a better continuation still with
10.....P-Q4 instead of winning
the exchange which lost him the game.

The following is the score:—

Game No. 248.

FRENCH DEFENCE.

White (M. Tchigorin). Black (J. W. Shovalev).

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